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JACK ANDERSON: Some of our spies have come in from the cold. They've spoken out in a profession that prizes loyalty and silence above all else. Disgruntled former agents have written books about alleged CIA abuses. Others have named agents who are still under cover. Well, this has caused an uproar in the intelligence community.

A few days ago, there was a confrontation in Washington between former CIA agents and their critics. My associate Jack Mitchell was there and picked up this barbed exchange.

JOHN STOCKWELL: I submit that you're working for the enemies of the United States, for the simple reason that people like you defending the CIA are the people that have discredited this country with murder, with activities that are worse than anything any other intelligence people have done.

MAN: I see. And you agree with Mr. Agee on....

ANDERSON: This man, John Stockwell, is a CIA outcast. He hardly looks the part. And he's as rugged as he looks, with a record to match. He served first in the Marines, then in the CIA. He conducted highly classified covert operations in dangerous areas of Africa where life is cheap. But six years ago, Stockwell became sickened at some of the CIA tactics. He made up his mind to quit the agency.

STOCKWELL: I had concluded after Vietnam, after three tours in Africa before that, and particularly after the CIA's Angola program, of which I was the task force commander, that the CIA's operations were profoundly wrong on two counts. One of